

FIND NO TRACE OF HARRY BRIEL

All Information Concerning Missing Man, 80 Years Old, Proves to Be Without Foundation.

WIFE CAN GIVE NO CLUE

Says She Is Hopelessly at Sea Over Husband's Strange Absence From Home.

Search by the police and relatives for Harry Briel, who has been missing from his home, 2501 Kensington Avenue, since February 22, so far has thrown no light on the mystery surrounding the case. More than a hundred photographs of him have been placed in the hands of Captain of Detectives McMahon and they will be mailed out to-day, with circular letters, to the police of nearby cities, with the hope that they may be the means of finding some trace of Mr. Briel.

"We are hopelessly at sea over Mr. Briel's disappearance," said Mrs. Briel, a handsome, white-haired woman, when seen yesterday at her home. "I have followed clue after clue. From many sources we have received information which purported to relate to my husband. In each instance investigation has shown the clues to be without foundation. One of the most recent was word received that he was in a Baltimore hospital. This proved to be false."

Mrs. Briel said that information was also received that Mr. Briel's watch had been found in a pawnshop. There was truth in this report. The case is a complete mystery.

Police Still at Sea.

"While I have no idea what has happened to Mr. Briel," Captain McMahon said, "I am inclined to the belief that he has wandered to some other city. He would surely have been picked up by the authorities and inquiries made about him, or else we would have heard from the many circulars we have sent out."

Mrs. Briel contradicted the report that some time ago Mr. Briel disappeared from his city and was located several days afterwards in West Point, Va. "He has never gone away from home without letting me know," she said. "Since he retired from business, about twenty years ago, I have been with him almost constantly. He and I were fond of walking in the parks, and it was our custom to do this nearly every pleasant day. He rarely left the house unless I accompanied him. The last time I saw him I was preparing to go with him for a walk. I was dressing, when he told me he would walk around the block and meet me on the corner."

Later in the afternoon Mr. Briel was seen at Seventeenth and Main Streets. Mrs. Briel said she had received reliable information that he was seen there about 6 o'clock in the evening. All efforts to find some trace of him there have failed.

It was not until February 25 that a general "look out" order was issued to all members of the Police Department by Chief of Police Werner.

Describes Missing Man.

Henry Briel, missing from 2501 Kensington Avenue since February 22, 1913. Eighty years old, five feet seven inches, florid complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, dark coat, vest and pants, dark derby hat, small mustache. Old and well-known citizen.

A similar description has been sent to the police of other cities.

Mr. Briel is a native of Germany. He came to this country "sixty-two years ago and settled in Richmond. He engaged in business as a butcher, and for thirty-seven years he sold small and perky trade at the First Baptist Church. Nearly a quarter of a century ago he retired and has lived in comfortable circumstances since that time. He has but one child, a son, who is now a member of his family say they know of no reason why he should have met with foul play, for he is not known to have had any enemies. Robbery could hardly have been a motive for an attack upon him, because it was said he seldom carried any large sum of money with him.

There is a reward of \$250 for information leading to his whereabouts, and telling what has become of him. Two hundred dollars of this sum has been offered by Mr. Brauer, and the remainder by the Order of Druids, a German organization.

DR. PORTER'S REVELATION

Many New Members Received Into First Baptist Church.

Dr. H. A. Porter spoke three times yesterday to numerous congregations at the First Baptist Church. In the Sunday school the lesson for the day was read, and Dr. Porter made a strong appeal to the hearts and lives of all, and many made professions of their faith. At the 11 o'clock service the minister's sermon on King Agrippa's statement to Paul, "Almost thou persuaded me to be a Christian," commanded earnest attention, and the interest was manifested, and at the conclusion of the service a goodly number of persons were received into church membership.

An overflow congregation at the evening service listened with close attention to a strong sermon on the words, "How long will ye between two opinions?" If the Lord be for us, we shall overcome. A number of persons made confession of faith at the conclusion of the sermon.

Dr. Porter has made a most favorable impression upon those who have heard him, and these services continue to grow in interest and power. He will speak at the 4 o'clock service to-day and again at 6 o'clock to-morrow.

Open Bids on Virginia Reports.

One of the large contracts for State printing will be awarded at noon Wednesday when the Public Printing and Bookbinding Commission will open bids for the one hundred and fourteenth volume of Virginia Reports. This comprises the opinions of the Supreme Court and is in all cases of great importance. The contract is usually worth about \$1,500.

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SNAKE EDITOR FINDS THAT ST. PATRICK WAS SCOTCH

Digs Up Saint's Biography to Enlighten Celebrants Who Will March To-Day With Shamrock Parade—It's the Sivinteenth.

It's the sivinteenth day iv March and God bless ould St. Patrick, as Finley Peter Dunne would say it, but there'll be many a Murphy with a shamrock in his buttonhole on Richmond streets to-day to whom the good old saint is nothing more than a name.

And it's not because the Irish don't remember one who does them a good turn. Not a bit of it. They do. Bank on Murphy, Mulvaney, O'Rourke or O'Reilly for a good memory and a kind spirit. The trouble is that St. Patrick lived such a long time ago—so long ago that for most wearers of the green the seal of the sovereign State of Virginia might serve excellently as an illustration of St. Patrick's rattling Ireland's last snake if it were the saint and tyrannist the serpent.

If the Murphys are remiss in their lack of familiarity with the life and works of St. Patrick they are not alone in their failing. They belong to the same class with the Marshall and the bosoms burst with pride that Wilson is Virginia's eighth President, but who cannot name the other seven.

The teacher will now call the roll and hear the first grade history class. St. Patrick was not an Irishman. He was a Scotchman just as truly as Harry Lauder. He was born at Nemthur, now Dumbarton, Scotland, about 386. That was a very long time ago. He died about 465—nobody knows exactly. He was the son of the Deacon Calpurnius, who was the son of Pottius, a priest. "After the withdrawal of the Roman legions," reads the history, "Calpurnius fled to the country south of the Wall of Severus, where Patrick was captured by the Picts about 411, and sold as a slave into Ireland. After six years he escaped, and devoting himself to the conversion of Ireland, prepared for the priesthood. About 428 he entered upon his mission. In 441 he was consecrated bishop. He wrote 'Confession' and a 'Briar'."

It will be noticed that the skeptical historian has nothing to say about snake-killing. Which is rank heresy as anybody with a sprig of shamrock in his coat lapel to-day will testify. No biography of St. Patrick is complete without a chapter devoted to the war he waged against Ireland's snakes.

Near Killybanon, in the Emerald Isle, they show you the print of his two feet where he kept in pincer with his disciple, St. Columba. Overlooking the Atlantic rises Croagh Patrick, the towering mountain on the top of which St. Patrick collected all the toads, reptiles and snakes from every part of the island, and driving them down into the sea before him destroyed them.

The mountain slaughter, however, was not complete. One serpent escaped the saint's watchful eye and was chased by him south into County Kerry. He overtook it in the kap of Dunloe and drowned it in a nearby pond, which is called Serpent Lake to this good day.

With this historical sketch and snake addendum thus conveniently arranged for the snake editor of The Times-Dispatch for the annual of St. Patrick's Day celebrants, one may read and straight thereupon buy a shamrock or shillany, join the green parade without qualm of conscience, and yell "Erin go bragh" with the best of them.

HEALTH OFFICER MUST STAND TEST FOR CLAUDE ALLEN

Dr. Levy Will Hold Competitive Examination for Successor to Dr. Hudson.

In order to make efficiency the test for service in public health work in Richmond, the Board of Health has instructed Dr. E. C. Levy, its chief health officer, to hold a public examination of applicants for the office of medical inspector.

This examination will be held at noon to-morrow, in the quarters of the Health Department. Dr. Levy will receive the papers, and grant them to the applicants. He will then examine the papers presented, and grant them to the applicants. He will then examine the papers presented, and grant them to the applicants.

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COUNTY JAIL HAS GIANT IN CUSTODY

Negro Murderer, Behind Its Bars, Is 6 Feet 6 1/2 Inches Tall.

Behind the steel bars of Henrico County Jail there awaits execution for murder the largest man ever confined in that prison. The giant is Frank L. Hargrove, sentenced to death in Spotsylvania County for the murder of Mansfield Thornton and his wife. The negro, it is charged, killed the aged colored couple for their money and attempted to hide his crime by setting fire to their home.

Hargrove stands six feet six and one-half inches in his stocking feet and is broad-shouldered in proportion. He was brought to the Henrico County Jail Wednesday for safekeeping, on the order of Judge H. H. Chichester, of the Spotsylvania County Circuit Court. He is under sentence to die in the electric chair on April 11, and will remain in the county jail until removed to the State Penitentiary.

Notwithstanding his impending doom, the negro appeared in excellent spirits yesterday and spoke of his size with evident satisfaction. Deputy Sheriff Garrett, day custodian of the jail, said that in his long experience with prisoners, Hargrove is the biggest he has ever seen.

At the same time with the negro there was brought to the jail for safekeeping Nelson V. Carter, the Spotsylvania county white man, under sentence of death for killing his wife. His execution is fixed for April 23. Since his confinement in Richmond he has remained uncommunicative and the man has assumed a mantle of make-believe insanity. When his attorney called on him yesterday, the prisoner at first disclaimed all acquaintance with the case, but suddenly when the interview was nearing its end, and acknowledged the relationship.

Wagon Collides With Auto.

A wagon owned by Alex. Brothers collided with an automobile driven by J. Mosby West, agent for Pollard & Raby, yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock at Fifth and Grace Streets. The machine was slightly damaged. No one was hurt.

GOING DOWN, SAYS RIVER WATCHDOG

Gauger at Columbia Reports Drop of Three Feet From High Mark.

NORMAL AGAIN TO-NIGHT

Weather Bureau Predicts Low Water by Dusk, With Resumption of Shipping.

Going down!

Sounds like the elevator man giving you the slip on the eighteenth floor, after you've assiduously punched the lower button for three whole minutes, but it was only the message from the man in charge of the Chesapeake and Ohio water gauge at Columbia, who telegraphed at 8 o'clock last night that the river had dropped three feet from the highest point reached in the preceding twenty-four hours, and was still going down.

It was good news to the steamer Brandon, which swung idly at the flood-gate, waiting for a chance to unload a cargo and resume her run to Norfolk. She arrived Saturday morning, and after sending her passengers ashore in small boats tied up to the wharf, preceded twenty-four hours, and was still going down.

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Normal Again To-Night.

"The river is falling, but very slowly," said Director Evans, of the United States Weather Bureau, station at Chincoteague. "Our late reports from Columbia say that the river is twenty feet at the gauge, and going down. It ought to be low enough by the noon hour to-morrow to permit the resumption of shipping. There has been no further rainfall in the upper James Valley, and the water level will drop more rapidly during the night. By midnight night the river ought to be normal."

Aside from the delays incident to the interruption of steamer service to Norfolk and the river ports, no damage has been done by the flood. The water level was raised by the local Weather Bureau gauge several hours' notice of the impending flood, and all merchandise and stores were removed to places of safety. The Brandon will probably be able to load to-day and sail for Norfolk to-night.

Sightseers Out in Force.

The flood brought the Sabbath crowds out in force. They flocked to the wharves from the east and west and lined the Lester Street embankment all day. Enterprising owners of rowboats did a profitable excursion business rowing the curious across to the wharves. Old Dominion warehouse and around the steamer Brandon at 25 cents a throw. In old Lester Street the water stood two and three feet deep, affording a sheltered channel for several boats.

Communication with Fulton was kept up by means of the new street car track. The Lester Street embankment, which was safely above the flood line. The Virginia Railway and Power Company maintained a shuttle service, transferring passengers from Main Street cars at a point near the dock.

BAYLISS FUNERAL TO-DAY

Will Take Place This Afternoon at 4 o'clock From the Residence.

Seven years old, who committed suicide at midnight Saturday, will take place from the residence, 2921 East Marshall Street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

C. B. Bayliss, a brother, said that the dead man had not been drinking heavily, as was reported by the police. He attributed his rash act to financial reverses and not to the published statement that he was out of work. Mr. Bayliss said his brother had been dependent for a long while. He voluntarily gave up a position in the general office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway about two weeks ago because of his worried state of mind.

C. B. Bayliss, a brother and six children—Misses H. M. E. H. M. E. and Catherine Bayliss, and two sons, H. G. and H. C. Bayliss. He also leaves three brothers, C. B. and R. L. Bayliss, of Richmond, and S. E. Bayliss, of Atlanta, Ga.; and three sisters, Mrs. Charles H. Beale, of Richmond; Mrs. F. S. Beale, of Old Church, Va.; and Miss Kate Bayliss, of Washington, D. C.

FOURTEEN CAUGHT IN RAID

Brook Avenue House, Alleged Gambling Resort, Source of Complaint.

Fourteen negro men and women were captured yesterday afternoon when an alleged gambling-house at 543 Brook Avenue was raided by Police Sergeant Kraft and Patrolmen Tanner and Holt. At the Second Station they were charged with unlawful gaming. Eugene Arnold was charged with maintaining the resort. Captain Epps was greatly pleased with the success of the raid, the house having been the source of complaints for a long while. For months the police have been trying to catch the alleged gamblers, but not until yesterday did a suitable opportunity present itself.

Two Negroes Found Dead.

William Smith, colored, about sixty-five years old, was found dead yesterday morning at his home in Rock Alley.

Annie Jefferson, colored, was found dead in a woodshed in the rear of 326 North Eighteenth Street.

Coroner Taylor said death in both cases was due to natural causes.

"Paths of Great Men Are Strewn With Things They Learned to Do Without"

We could print a whole newspaper on the effect of the saving habit on a man's life and character, yet this one sentence expresses it more aptly than our thousand words might. They are written by a man both a worker and a dreamer; a practical man, yet an idealist—Henry Van Dyke. We believe it, and so we pass it on to you without comment. Such has been the story of many fortunes under the observation of the

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ADD MANY CONVICTS TO GOOD ROAD FORCE

Important Step in Employment of Prison Labor to Be Taken May 1.

SHOE CONTRACT WILL EXPIRE

Making Preparations for Putting 500 Additional Men on Highways.

Public road work in Virginia will be strengthened the first week in May by the addition of ten large convict camps, to be formed from nearly half of the male prisoners in the State Penitentiary. This will be the longest step taken in the history of the State in the direction of the abolition of convict labor and in placing prisoners at an occupation at once healthful and mind-diverting to them and advantageous to the cause of better highways, to say nothing of the partial elimination of competition with free labor.

Preparations for the new order of things are now being made. Counties will be applied for convicts in sufficient numbers to use all the men that will be available. State Highway Commissioner Wilson has his list of counties almost complete. The demand for convict camps has always far exceeded the supply since the inauguration of State aid to good roads. Counties that use the prisoners cannot also avail themselves of money aid the same year, and many of them prefer the help of the State in providing labor.

It is the intention of the Highway Commissioner to have every camp built and ready for use by May 1. The men, divided probably into ten camps, will be taken to work at once. The cost to the State for guarding and feeding men in this work has been found by experience to average 52 cents the day.

Contract Expires May 1.

At 6 o'clock P. M. on May 1, the old contract with the Thacher Shoe Company will expire by limitation. When that hour arrives approximately 400 prisoners now at work in the shops will be part and parcel of the State convict road force. It is expected to have all of these out of the penitentiary and at work in camps within one week.

In the morning of May 2, the provisional contract with the Thacher Shoe Company goes into effect. By virtue of this, the 500 or so men remaining in the prison, and not engaged in work about the building, will be made to make shoes for a period of five months, or until October 1. During that time the company will be required to pay to the State the sum of 55 cents per pair instead of 42 cents, the figure at which men have made shoes for the manufacturer during the long stretch of years in which this company has held the contract.

Will Make Overalls.

The Star Clothing Manufacturing Company, of Jefferson City, Mo., will begin execution of its new contract covering five years, on October 1. One hundred prisoners will be transferred each week from the shoe factory to the new overalls factory, until by the first week in November the change will be complete. The shoe factory will be moved out and the overalls machinery installed during these weeks. The Star Company agrees to pay 85 cents per day for men, and 60 cents for women, and to increase these high figures, said to be the best realized by any State in the Union for its convicts, that the Thacher Company will be compelled to pay double as much for labor during the five months between the time its contract expires and the final day when men must be taken from its activities in the Virginia prison.

Major James B. Wood, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, has already begun to select the men who are to go out on the roads. Short term men will be chosen first, and those who are recognized to be vicious. It is the intent of the Legislature that the long term and desperate men, the two classes the most likely to attempt to escape from road forces, should be retained on contract within prison walls.

Equipment New Camps.

Now that the appropriation of \$50,000 for equipping new road camps has just become available, Major Wood will proceed to buy the necessary material. It has been found to cost from \$2,400 to \$2,500 to put a new camp on the roads. Three buildings are necessary—sleeping quarters for prisoners, a dining-room and kitchen hall, and a building for guards and road foremen. Tools are for the most part furnished by the counties, which supply all necessary machinery used in road building, and the State only furnishes a kit of carpenter's tools and such things as are needed in the daily life of the prisoners.

Nothing for convicts on roads is the same as that used in the penitentiary, including stripes. It is found that clothes wear out much more rapidly in road work than in the prison factory, and, besides, it is necessary to dress the men more warmly in winter. The prisoners on the roads do not wear stripes, and for them the superintendent buys a khaki uniform.

Under the terms of the contract with the Star Clothing Manufacturing Company, the State guarantees 500 men and all the women, averaging 100, making 600 in all. It is necessary in addition to keep in the prison fifteen men making convict suits, sufficient cooks—now seventeen, which may be cut in half when there are fewer to feed—office men at the prison, sweepers and cleaners, and the Capitol Square squad of six men. In all, the exodus to the convict road forces will mean that between 650 and 700 men and women will remain in the penitentiary, 600 of them on contract.

MISS WILSON TO SPEAK

President's Daughter Will Attend V. W. C. A. Convention in April.

Extensive preparations are being made for entertaining the national convention of the Young Woman's Christian Association of America, which will be in session at St. Paul's Church from April 9 to 15, with at least 1,000 delegates in attendance. Among the speakers will be Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of President Woodrow Wilson, who has been a close student of the working girl problem, and who will discuss that question from a practical standpoint. Miss Grace Dodge, of New York, president of the national association, will arrive here in advance of the delegates, and will give a dinner to about 200 members at the Jefferson Hotel on the evening of April 8. Miss Wilson will be among the guests and she will remain in the city throughout the session, as her address will not be delivered until April 12.

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NEGLECT OF CHILD IS SOCIETY'S SIN

Minister Scores Industrial System and Says Poverty Should Be Abolished.

An industrial system, which forces the labor of little children into the fields of commerce and manufacture was denounced as one of the sins of the society of to-day, in a sermon by Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, D. D., at Seventh Street Christian Church, last night. He deplored the lack of civic interest in child life, which, he said, however, is not so great as it once was. He blamed the people because there is no compulsion upon selfish parents, who, through avarice or indifference, fail to send their children to school.

The minister himself was not spared by the minister, for failure to devote himself more completely to a solution of the sociological needs of the day—for dealing in theological and ecclesiastical disputes, over the difference between two-dollar and two-dollar, instead of reaching out for the children and helping to save them, physically, mentally and spiritually, and giving them a chance in life.

The greatest social sin of the age, said Dr. MacLachlan, is the perpetuation of poverty. He said that aged writers, in using the word "poor," did so in the sense of describing people who had been cast out by the ruling classes. There is no excuse for the opinion of the minister, for poverty with its blight of suffering and its resultant social inefficiency, vice, misery and all the ills that it brings in its train.

For all these evils, he said, the people are to blame.

Mr. Bigger Resting Easy.

John B. Bigger, 1045 E. Franklin Street, who fell from a window at the store of R. L. Christian & Company, of Jefferson City, Mo., yesterday afternoon and fractured his skull, resting comfortably early this morning at the Virginia Hospital. His condition was little changed, it was said. Surgeons have not yet decided when they will operate.

RICHMOND GRAYS TO BE INSPECTED

Local Battalion of First Regiment Will Be on Review To-Day and To-Morrow.

Annual Federal inspection of the Richmond Grays, otherwise the First Battalion, First Virginia Infantry, will take place to-day and to-morrow. Captain J. K. Partello, Fifth Infantry, will be the inspecting officer. Accompanied by Major L. T. Price, the battalion commander, he will begin examination of the property of headquarters and of Companies A and B at 9:30 o'clock this morning, this work consuming most of the day.

These two companies will be inspected as to their personnel at 3:15 o'clock to-night, in the temporary quarters at 1112 East Capitol Street, and noncommissioned staff. Adjutant General Sale, who has accompanied Captain Partello in his round through the State, is expected to be present.

Companies C and F will be inspected to-morrow night and their property to-morrow.

Efforts are being made to have full attendance of all four companies, and it is said this is probable in more than one case. The Grays have worked under difficulties for two years, being without real armory facilities since their old building was condemned. This is now nearly raised, in preparation for the erection of the new armory.

Annual Federal inspections are now almost concluded. Captain Partello will spend Wednesday examining the Adjutant-General's office, State arsenal and storerooms, and Inspector-General Jo Lane Stern's office. The final inspection will be on Thursday—of Company I, First Infantry, at Farmville.

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